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SUBJECT: CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS - MEETING OF PARIS GROUP

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER CONTACTED CHRISTIAN GIRARD AS PER INSTRUCTIONS PARA 3 REFTEL AND CONVEYED TO HIM USG HOPES THAT PARIS WOULD FIND IT CONVENIENT TO CONVENE PARIS GROUP IN SEPTEMBER. GIRARD EXPRESSED RESERVE. HE DECLARED THAT AT THE GENEVA MEETINGS EARLIER THIS YEAR, ONE SPEAKER MADE REFERENCE TO "GROUPS THAT HAD MET IN LONDON." COUNTRIES WHICH HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE LONDON MEETINGS, ACCORDING TO GIRARD, EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND UNHAPPINESS THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN INVITED  
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TO DO SO. HE FEELS BECAUSE OF THIS THAT PARIS GROUP WILL GROW TO UNMANAGEABLE SIZE. HE AGREED WITH EMBOFF, HOWEVER, THAT THIS YEAR'S PROJECTED PARTICIPATION OF THIRTEEN COUNTRIES IS CERTAINLY NOT OVERSIZED.

SECONDLY, GIRARD FEELS THAT THE PARIS GROUP -- A NAME HE DECLARES "UNFORTUNATE" -- SHOULD NOT BE INSTITUTIONALIZED. PARIS' REQUEST LAST YEAR WAS AD HOC AND DID NOT IMPLY FUTURE MEETINGS. EMBASSY OFFICER POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT USG REQUEST THIS YEAR IS EQUALLY AD HOC. FINALLY, GIRARD DOES NOT WISH FRANCE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH A PERMANENT PRESIDENCY OF THE GROUP. HE WONDERES WHY THIS YEAR'S MEETING CANNOT BE CONVENED AT THE REQUEST OF SOME OTHER COUNTRY.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, GIRARD FEELS THAT THE IDEA OF CONVENING A MEETING IN SEPTEMBER IS IN ITSELF NOT A BAD ONE. HE HAS PROMISED TO SPEAK WITH APPROPRIATE GOF OFFICIALS AND TO INFORM EMBASSY AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S DECISION.

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